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AND THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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November, 1969.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the report of the Department for the year 1968.

This year has been uneventful and our experience has not differed significantly so far as infectious disease and general health matters are concerned from the rest of England and Wales.

In the body of the report you will find a very large mass of figures indicating the amount of detailed work carried out by the Department in the maintenance of the present situation. Unless this work is carried out it is inevitable that conditions should start to slip back and that once they do slip back it will become more difficult to regain the original position so far as health is concerned. Up to the present we have managed and I am confident that we shall continue to manage so far as the foreseeable future is concerned. It has also been my custom in each of these annual reports to comment on some particular aspect of the health of the population of Malvern, and this time I have looked back at the effect Pulmonary Tuberculosis or Consumption has had on the population since 1948, and for this purpose I have prepared a short table showing the number of people on the Tuberculosis Register each four years back to 1948.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

Year	Total Cases on Register		New Cases	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1968	25	14	5	-
1964	25	20	4	-
1960	60	54	2	3
1956	76	64	2	4
1952	78	61	9	5
1948	39	47	7	5

You will notice that the number of people on the Register rises sharply between 1948 and 1952 the reason for this is that modern methods of treatment were just being introduced and people were starting to survive the disease. Between 1952 and 1960 the number on the Register remained very high indeed but the number of new cases started to decline. Up till 1956 a fairly high proportion of those whose names were removed from the Register had died of the disease. After 1956 the vast majority of those whose names were removed from the Register had in fact recovered from the disease, though perhaps not cured for all time.



Another change has taken place over this period between 1956 and 1964 namely that the average age of persons developing Tuberculosis has increased and that the number of women suffering from Tuberculosis has decreased more than the number of men suffering from Tuberculosis. It is thus becoming an older persons disease. Since 1964 the number on the Register has remained roughly constant, the number of new cases notified to us during the year has varied somewhat, and it is interesting that in this four years there have been no women notified as suffering from Tuberculosis. As therefore one expected the curve is now flattening out it looks as though the total of 39 to 40 cases on the Register will persist for some years yet and it may be very difficult to get the figure any lower. This emphasises what I have said in previous reports namely, that although conditions seem to be propitious now it is unlikely that they will remain so unless continued vigilance is maintained.

Mr. Whitwham your Chief Public Health Inspector's career is drawing to a close and it is therefore proper for me to say publicly before he retires a few of the things that I think about him. He was here when I came in 1948 and the unit was running smoothly, efficiently and with a high morale. He has taken a large part in maintaining this high morale throughout the years. In his own work he has also been kind and considerate, and I think that everyone who has had occasion to speak with him has felt that he is concerned for them as a person rather than as a cipher. This personal approach has been maintained by him and the tradition has been handed on to all other members of the staff, so that I cannot speak too highly of his achievement in Malvern. We shall all miss him and his exceedingly sound and considerate advice.



STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE AREA

Area of land and inland water	7,400 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	29,530
Number of dwelling houses	9,178
Total number of assessments	10,891
Rateable value at 31.3.69	£1,079,650
Sum represented by a penny rate at 31.3.69	£4,300

EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 estimated resident population)	16.8
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	7.0
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 estimate resident population)	0.1
Death Rate (per 1,000 estimate resident population)	9.1
Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	10.0

COMPARABLE DATA FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, 1968

Live Births (per 1,000 total population)	16.9
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	14.0
Death Rate (per 1,000 home population)	11.9
Infantile Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	18.0

DEATHS

<u>Causes of Death - All Ages</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	1	-	1
Cancer (all forms)	58	30	28
Cancer (of lung and bronchus)	12	8	4
Leukaemia	1	1	-
Disease of Heart and Arteries	185	64	121
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis and Cancer)	39	23	16
Peptic Ulcer	2	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	1	-
Other diseases of Digestive System	3	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	-
Disease of Prostate and Genito- Urinary System	4	3	1
Disease of Musculo-skeletal system	2	1	1
Congenital anomalies	1	1	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour et cetera	1	-	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-	1
All other Accidents	1	1	-
Suicide and self inflicted injuries	3	-	3
All other causes	7	4	3



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

### Water Supplies

There are two main sources of Malvern Water. First a deep bore-hole at Bromsberrow which has been sunk in new red sandstone. It provides an abundant and good water supply showing an average total hardness of 17. It is not contaminated in any way. The second is water collected from the hills around the British Camp, the reservoir lying in a hollow in these hills. This supply is more in the nature of a standby than a main supply, and the analysis is typical of hill water that it, contains few "Solids in Solution" and having a low total hardness.

The monthly bacteriological examination of water taken from taps at various points in the town mains supply was uniformly satisfactory showing the absence of faecal coli on each occasion.

### Water Supply from Wells

Only a few houses are supplied with water obtained from shallow wells. Samples are submitted from time to time to the Laboratory for analysis.

### Public Cleansing

This work is carried out under the direction of the Engineer and Surveyor. The disposal of household refuse is undertaken at the Gualford Sewerage Works by means of tipping. Street sweeping in central area daily, elsewhere once weekly. Cesspool emptying by mechanical means as required.

### Swimming Baths and Pools

- (a) Public Swimming Pools - Public Pool owned by Local Authority
- (b) Privately owned Pools open to the Public - None
- (c) Action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of water - Routine Sampling

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

### Laboratory Services

Chemical analysis is carried out, as before, by arrangement with the County Laboratory at the County Buildings. Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

### Clinics

There are none provided by this Authority.

The following clinics are provided by the Worcestershire County Council:-



### Infant Welfare Centres

The Clinic, Victoria Park Road	Wednesdays	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
Sydenham Villa, Newtown Road	Tuesdays	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
Methodist Church School Room Lansdowne Crescent	1st Friday in the month	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
Wyche Institute, Lower Wyche	1st Tuesday in the month	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
St. Mary's Church Hall, Sherrards Green	Fridays	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
Parish Hall, West Malvern	1st Monday in the month	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
Wood Farm Camp, Malvern Wells	4th Monday in the month	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.

### School Clinic

The Clinic, Victoria Park Road	Fridays (by appointment only)	9.30	-	12.0 noon
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### Chiropody

The Clinic, Victoria Park Road	Mondays	9.0	-	1.0 p.m.
		2.0	-	5.0 p.m.
	Tuesdays	9.0	-	12.30 p.m.
		1.30	-	4.30 p.m.
	Wednesdays	9.0	-	12.30 p.m.
	Fridays	2.0	-	5.0 p.m.

Applications from Old Age Pensioners, Expectant Mothers and Handicapped People should be made to the County Medical Officer, Worcester.

### Dental

The Grove School, Pickersleigh Grove	(by appointment only)	Applications made to Principal Dental Officer, Worcester
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### Occulist

The Clinic, Victoria Park Road	As required (by appointment only)	Applications made to County Medical Officer, Worcester
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### Hearing

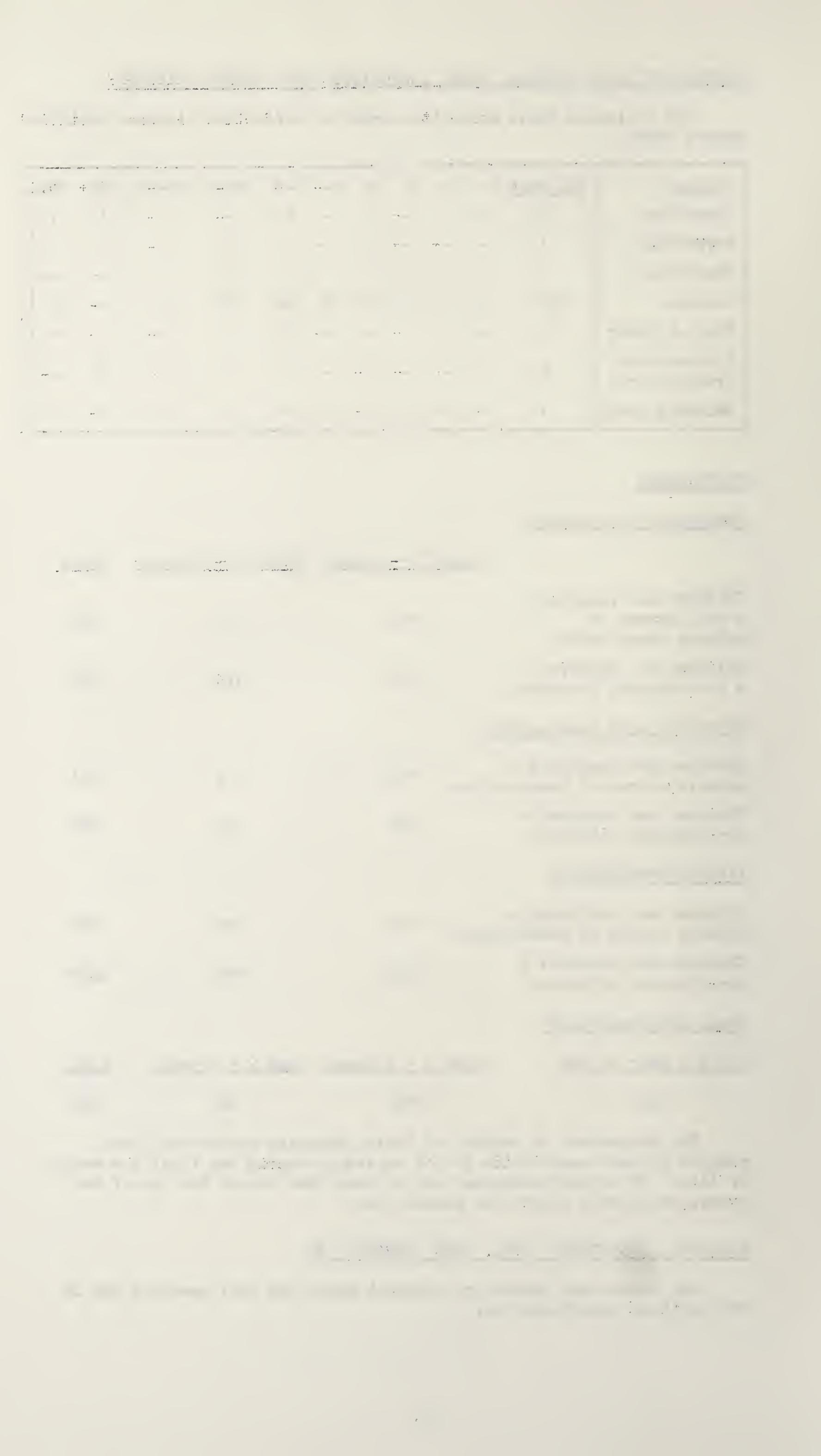
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### Relaxation

The Clinic, Victoria Park Road	1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays (by appointment only)	2.0	-	4.30 p.m.
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### Speech Therapy

The Clinic, Victoria Park Road	Fridays (cases referred by School Health Service)	9.30	-	12.0 noon
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PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious diseases notified during 1968:-

Disease	All Ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+	N.K.
Dysentery	11	1	-	-	1	-	7	-	-	1	1
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hepatitis	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	123	3	12	14	12	18	43	11	5	-	5
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

PROPHYLAXIS

Diphtheria Immunisation

	<u>Ages 0 - 4 years</u>	<u>Ages 5 - 16 years</u>	<u>Total</u>
Children who received a full course of primary immunisation	402	11	413
Children who received a re-inforcing injection	310	518	828

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Children who completed a primary course of immunisation	392	9	401
Children who received a re-inforcing injection	166	34	200

Tetanus Immunisation

Children who completed a primary course of immunisation	402	66	468
Children who received a re-inforcing injection	316	689	1,005

Small pox Vaccination

<u>Under 1 year of age</u>	<u>Ages 1 - 2 years</u>	<u>Ages 2 - 4 years</u>	<u>Total</u>
36	216	38	290

The Department of Health and Social Security recommends that routine primary vaccination is not advisable during the first few weeks of life. It should be carried out at some time before the age of two years, preferably during the second year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 SECTION 47

One person was removed to hospital under the 1951 amending Act of the National Assistance Act.



The Council House,

Malvern.

November, 1969.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the following report dealing with the work and responsibilities of your Public Health Inspectors, which sets out by tables and informative comment, where appropriate, the scope of our varied duties in matters relating to environmental health during 1968.

During the year under review, we found ourselves faced with sad and difficult circumstances, producing, as they did, immeasurable frustration and disappointment. My deputy was called upon to act as temporary Housing Manager during the long illness of Mr. David White, The Housing Manager, and for a time, following his death, until a successor was appointed in his stead. Consequently, this state of affairs brought about delays in our programme of work, especially as we had hoped to make every endeavour to complete our earlier attempts, in securing the improvement of dwelling houses to the full standard, in certain areas of the town, provisionally declared as improvement areas; unfortunately this was halted.

In the passing of David White we lost a loyal colleague, who spared no efforts to co-operate with this Department in the rehousing of families displaced from houses to be demolished, also with cases of overcrowding and problem families.

Despite the set-back in the continuance of our efforts to secure the improvement of more houses, I am pleased to be able to state that our programme relating to action in dealing with dwellings classified as unfit was maintained.



SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Inspections of Movable Dwellings	3
"    " Shops	287
"    " Factories	196
"    " Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	272
"    " Bakehouses	31
"    " Restaurant Kitchens	59
"    " Outworkers Premises	1
"    " Butchers Shops, P.H. Meat Regs.	204
"    " Stables and Piggeries	14
"    " Dairies	70
"    " Food Shops	516
"    " Fish Friers	33
"    " Places of Public Entertainment	18
"    " Schools	14
"    " Licensed Premises	26
"    " Public Conveniences	26
Special Visits, Advisory Interviews et cetera	2,519
Visits re:- Infectious Disease	32
Rat Infestations	272
Atmospheric Pollution	126
Miscellaneous	326
National Assistance Act	27
Housing including Inspections of Dwelling Houses	1,436
Petroleum Storage Installation	208
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	<u>6,716</u>

COMPLAINTS

The Register shows that 547 complaints were received during the year under review, these having reference to the following matters:-

Blocked and Defective Drainage	35
Defective Closet Accommodation	4
Defective Conditions in Dwelling Houses	68
Offensive Odours from Drains	15
Non-collection of House Refuse	11



Verminous Premises	14
Wasps Nests	22
Infestations of Rats and Mice	212
Food and Drugs Act	47
Clean Air Act	8
Noise Abatement Act	7
Miscellaneous	90

#### RENT ACT, 1957

No action taken during 1968.

#### LAND CHARGES ACT, 1925

Requests for information concerning properties on which a Search for Local Land Charges is made to the Clerk of the Council are dealt with by this department where applicable; 485 enquiries were investigated during the year.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958  
as amended by  
HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959  
HOUSING ACT, 1961 & HOUSING ACT, 1964

#### DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Applications concerning the improvement of eight dwellings were received during the year 1968. During this period eight Grants were approved. Four houses are occupied by their owners and four by tenants.

#### STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Thirty-four applications were received during the year, all of which were investigated. Thirty-four applications were approved.

Twenty-eight of the houses are owner-occupied and six occupied by a tenant. The amenities to be provided were as follows:-

30	baths
32	wash-hand basins
34	domestic hot water supplies
32	water closets
28	ventilated food stores

When Standard Improvement Grants were introduced in 1959 it was anticipated there would be a speeding up in the progress rate of modernisation of dwellings. The following table shows comparative figures over the past nine years.

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Discretionary Grants approved	22	20	11	20	15	12	13	24	8
Standard Grants approved	25	23	21	41	26	23	30	39	34
	47	43	32	61	41	35	43	63	42



## HOUSING ACT, 1957

Five dwelling houses were demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.

85 & 87 St. Andrews Road

156 Lower Howsell Road

Swinmore Cottage, Trinity Road

Sycamore Cottage, Trinity Road

Two dwellings were demolished as the result of informal action:-

4 Pump Street

4 Moorlands Road

Demolition Orders were made in respect of the following properties:-

76, 78, 84, 86, 88 & 90 West Malvern Road

53 Hayes Bank Road

35 & 37 Hayes Bank Road

23, 25 & 27 Lower Road

## 24 Lower Quest Hills Road and Rose Cottage, 32 Lower Montpelier Road

These dwellings were rendered fit for habitation following informal action.

## OVERTROWDING IN DWELLING HOUSES

Twelve new cases of overcrowding were reported or discovered during 1968. This increased the number of cases on our records to twenty-four.

The cases mainly refer to overcrowding of rooms normally used for sleeping purposes in excess of the statutory "permitted" number.

During the year seventeen cases were abated, thus, leaving seven on record. Seventeen families were rehoused by the Council. The cases of overcrowding are placed in the following categories:-

- |     |  |          |
|-----|--|----------|
| (a) | Increase where one family are sole occupants         | 3 cases  |
| (b) | Increase where family is in lodgings                 | 10 cases |
| (c) | Married son or daughter making home with the in-laws | 4 cases  |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

In accordance with usual practice, and where necessary, investigations relating to infectious diseases are made, on notification to the Medical Officer of Health.

Two loads of bedding were destroyed. Twenty rooms were fumigated. Infestations of cockroaches, silver fish, ants, flies and bed bugs were dealt with at various premises including dwelling houses and a school.



## ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Application for renewal of a licence in respect of premises, already used in a small way for the boarding of cats and dogs, was received during 1968.

An inspection was made and a licence was subsequently issued.

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One shop in Newtown Road was relicensed for 1968.

## RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

This Act came into force on the 1st April, 1965, making it an offence to keep a riding establishment except, under the authority of a licence granted for that purpose.

The Avenue Riding School, Upper Chase Road has now moved to premises at Merebrook Camp, Hanley Swan where this enactment is administered by the Worcestershire County Council.

## SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

This Act came into operation on the 1st July, 1965 and provides among other requirements that no person may carry on the business as a scrap metal dealer unless he is registered by the Council.

Nine persons are now registered.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The provision of the Factories Act, 1961, which your Council has to administer, chiefly relate to the following matters:-

- 1) Factories where mechanical power is used
  - (a) Provision and maintenance of sanitary conveniences for both sexes
- 2) Factories where mechanical power is not used
  - (a) Cleanliness
  - (b) Overcrowding
  - (c) Ventilation
  - (d) Drainage
  - (e) Provision and maintenance of sanitary conveniences for both sexes
  - (f) Temperature control
- 3) Sanitary Regulations for Bakehouses
- 4) Homework

The following table shows the list of factories on the Register:-

Agriculture Engineers	2
Automatic Packing and Weighing Machine Manufacturers	1
Bakehouses	6



Bread Slicing and Wrapping	1
Blacksmiths	3
Bicycle Repairs	1
Boot Repairs	5
Breeze Block Manufacturers	1
Builders	3
Clothing Manufacturers	1
Coal Gas	1
Concrete Slabs	2
Construction Engineers	1
Coppersmiths and Engineers	1
Dairies	2
Dairy Engineers	1
Dressmaking, Millinery et cetera	5
Dry Cleaners	1
Electrical Instrument Manufacturers	1
Electrical Switchgear Assembly	1
Fabricated Steel Products	1
Fireplace Manufacturers	1
Fruit Canners	1
General Engineering	7
Glass Syringes	1
Glove Making	1
Hemp Drying and Processing	1
Joinery	20
Laundry	1
Machinery Repairs	1
Machine Tool Manufacturers	1
Marine Dealer	1
Metal Polishing	1
Metal Turning	1
Motor Cycle Repairs	1
Motor Cycle Cables	1
Motor Manufacturers	1
Motor Vehicle Body Repairs and Spraying	3



Motor Repairs	25
Organ Building	2
Photographic	2
Piano Repairs	1
Plant Repairs	1
Plastic Mouldings et cetera	3
Polishes and Dressings	1
Precision Engineers	2
Printers	3
Road Tanker Manufacturers	1
Roofing Contractors	1
Sausage Making	10
Saw Mills	1
Sheet Metal Work	1
Spectacle Manufacturers	1
Stone Crushing	2
Stonemasons	2
Tailoring	2
Transformers	1
Tinsmiths	2
Toy Distributors	1
Upholsterers	8
Water Works	1
Watch Repairs	3
Wireless, Television and Electrical Repairs	11

The number of inspections made of factories are as follows, the table being in accordance with the requirements of the Home Officer:-

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	46	82	6	-
Factories not included above which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	127	114	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	Nil	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>



Cases in which Defects were found:

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instigated	
	Found	Remedied	Referred			
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector		
Want of Cleanliness (s.1)	4	4	-	-	-	
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	3	3	-	-	-	
Sanitary Coveniences (S.7)						
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	5	-	-	-	
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

OUTWORK - Part V111 of the Act (Sections 110 and 111)

Section 110			Section 111		
No. of out-workers in August list reqd. by Section 110 (1) (C)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel 1	-	-	-	-	-
Making etc.					
Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

At the 31st December, 1968, the number of registered premises was two hundred and fifty, as under:-

Offices	68
Retail Shops	161
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	5
Catering establishments open to the Public	13
Fuel Storage Depots	3

Section 60, of this Act requires that annual reports are made to the Minister in a specified form. A statistical report on procedure during 1968, was duly sent to the appropriate Office early in the year.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

The number of retail dairymen or milk purveyors is now twelve. Distribution of milk is kept under observation. Vehicles used for this purpose are frequently inspected.

Seventy visits were made to dairy premises for the purpose of inspection or to collect samples of milk on arrival from the place of production.

### The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963

Samples of milk are taken to the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester, for statutory and phosphatase examination, details are as follows:-

Statutory examinations were carried out on forty-six samples of milk, and all forty-six conformed to the required standard.

Forty-six samples of pasteurised milk were subjected to the phosphatase test with satisfactory results.

## ICE CREAM

Ninety-four premises are now registered for the sale of ice-cream. Most of the ice-cream is sold prepacked. Inspections are made as to the means of storage and the methods of dispensing this commodity.

## FOOD HYGIENE

The following table which has been brought up to date, required by the Department of Health and Social Security, sets out the various types of businesses embraced in the general term food premises, which call for supervision to maintain the standards required by the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations:



List of Food Premises	No.	Compliance with Reg. 16	Compliance with Reg. 19
Baker and Confectioners	11	11	6
Canteens	12	12	12
Dairies	2	2	2
General Stores	20	20	4
Grocers	49	49	33
Hotels (Licensed)	9	8	8
Licensed Premises	59	59	52
Butchers	22	22	22
Confectioners and Sweets	22	20	-
Fishmongers	7	7	7
Fish Friers	3	3	3
Greengrocers	16	14	10
Hotels (Private)	16	16	16
Restaurants and Refreshment Rooms	17	17	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>190</b>

The number of premises which are required to comply with Regulation 19 is one hundred and ninety-eight.

#### UNSAFE FOOD

The following is a list of unsafe meat and other foods examined by your Inspectors at food premises and subsequently destroyed. Disposal of unsafe food by incineration being no longer possible it has become necessary to bury all condemned foodstuffs. Every precaution is taken and the work is undertaken by our Disinfection Operator:

##### Meat, Poultry, Fish and Miscellaneous Foods

Topside of Beef	54 lbs.
Sausage	93 lbs.
8 Chickens	19 lbs. 12 oz.
Fish	50 lbs.
Fish Cakes, Rissoles etc.	28 dozen
Miscellaneous Foodstuffs etc.	61 lbs.
Meat Pies	36

##### Tinned Meats

32 tins Ham	115 lbs. 4 oz.
4 tins Spam	3 lbs.
5 tins Chopped Pork	20 lbs.
2 tins Pork Shoulder	19 lbs. 8 oz.
13 tins Corned Beef	15 lbs.
12 tins Stewed Steak	12 lbs.



7 tins Luncheon Meat	11 lbs. 12 oz.
1 tin Ox Tongue	6 lbs.
16 tins Braised Beef	5 lbs. 2 oz.

#### Tinned Food other than Meat

600 tins Fruit	594 lbs.
118 tins Vegetables	122 lbs. 12 oz.
38 tins Miscellaneous Foods	59 lbs.

#### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

This Act prescribed certain standards of cleanliness in the manufacturers use and storage of rag flock and other filling materials, and provides for the registration of upholsterers and certain other businesses, such as toymakers and the licensing of manufacturers of rag flock et cetera.

Two premises are registered under the provisions of this Act.

#### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The routine work in the treatment of the sewers periodically, constant vigilance in making surveys and treatment, when found necessary at refuse tips, streams and ditches bordering the town has been maintained with satisfactory results. This work, combined with prompt attention to complaints received is of paramount importance in keeping the rodent population down to the absolute minimum.

I have mentioned in previous reports, and I have again pleasure in stating that we are fortunate in having a most conscientious Operative to undertake the necessary duties required by the above enactment.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

It was not necessary to institute legal proceedings during the year under review.

#### CONCLUSION

This report would be incomplete without expressing appreciation and thanks to the Staff of this small department. Progress in our work during 1968 was impared, since we were required to lend a helping hand to the Housing Department, which resulted in obvious repercussions causing delays in certain work I had hoped to see undertaken. Be this as it may, the loyal teamwork which has been consistent in this department was very much in evidence during a difficult period.

I again wish to record my thanks to Dr. Green, the Clerk of the Council and to the Staff of the Clerk's, Treasurer's and Surveyor's Departments, for their readiness to give assistance in dealing with problems, which in some way or other, affect our varied responsibilities.

Thanks are also due to the Chairman and Members of the Highways and Health Committee and the Housing Committee for their continued support.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

HUGH L. WHITWHAM.





